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For: SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING ADVANTAGES AND

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Dear Sir:

## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend this application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following claims:

-- 44. The system recited in claim 6, wherein said transaction system comprises any of a direct-pay transaction system, a credit-based transaction system, an incentive-based transaction system, and an auction based transaction system.